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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ' LETTER RE U.S. NEWSPAPERS

1. SUMMARY. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON TWO POINTS IN CONNECTION WITH LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ ABOUT EMBASSY'S RECEIPT OF U. S. NEWSPAPERS. END SUMMARY.
2. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER (DATED MAY 19) FROM CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ (APPARENTLY SENT TO ALL OR MOST U. S. EMBASSIES) ASKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE EMBASSY'S RECEIPT/USE OF U.S. NEWSPAPERS (E.G. WHICH PAPERS RECEIVED, HOW MANY COPIES, COST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS, TIMING OF RECEIPT, HOW MADE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL, ETC.).
3. SOLARZ STATES SUCH INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL IN DECIDING WHETHER IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR HIM TO OFFER AMENDMENT TO NEXT YEAR'S STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION N BILL TO MAKE SPECIAL ALLOCATION SO THAT ADEQUATE AND REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF U.S. NEWSPAPERS ARE AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL OVERSEAS.
4. TWO QUESTIONS SEEK OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, VIZ: WOULD YOU RECOMMEND INCREASED FUNDING FOR U.S. DAILY NEWSPAPERS AT FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS? WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THE CREATING OF A SPECIAL FUND (SEPARATE FROM EXISTING DISCRETIONARY OPERA-

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TING FUNDS) SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING U.S. DAILY NEWSPAPERS? (LETTER NOTES THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS SUCH SPECIAL ALLOCATION UNNECESSARY.)

5. WE ARE BEGINNING TO COLLECT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY SOLARZ AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ABOUT:  
A) PROCEDURES FOR CLEARING REPLY WITH DEPARTMENT: AND B)

SUBSTANCE OF DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON TWO QUESTIONS IN PARA  
4 ABOVE.  
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